

House Concurrent Resolution No. 29

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, at least thirty state high school activities associations permit cooperative
2 sponsorship of sports programs; and
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4 **Whereas**, in the neighboring state of Iowa more than fifty percent of their four
5 hundred high schools have at least one cooperative sports program and most of states bordering
6 Missouri permit cooperative sponsorship; and
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8 **Whereas**, the often-expressed fear that students would give up their program to join
9 a super-team which would disrupt competitive play appears to be unfounded, based on Iowa's
10 experience; and
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12 **Whereas**, a change in the bylaws of the Missouri State High School Activities
13 Association to permit cooperative sponsorship by 1A and 2A schools only, when at least one of
14 the schools has not previously participated in the activity and with the express permission of all
15 school boards involved in the cooperative arrangement, would permit many students the
16 opportunity that they are now denied; and
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18 **Whereas**, similar bylaw amendments have been offered in the past and have been
19 defeated, although by a smaller margin each time; and
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21 **Whereas**, the Missouri General Assembly has no direct control over the Missouri
22 State High School Activities Association but wishes to make its intent very clear to the member
23 schools of the Association:
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25 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
26 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
27 therein, hereby strongly urge the member schools of the Missouri State High School Activities
28 Association to adopt an amendment to its bylaws to permit cooperative teams under
29 circumstances that make the creation of a super-team unlikely, at the earliest possible date so that
30 students in less densely populated areas of the state can enjoy the same activities that students
31 in other areas of the state currently enjoy; and
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33 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
34 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each member
35 school of the Missouri State High School Activities Association.